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SUBJECT: ACTIONS TAKEN BY US NATCOM AT WILLIAMSBURG MEETING

1. US NATIONAL COMMISSION AT ITS 39TH SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING IN WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA, DECEMBER 9-12 ADOPTED FOLLOWING THREE RESOLUTIONS OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO US PERM-DEL. FULL SET OF RESOLUTIONS AIR POUCHED DECEMBER 16.
2. RESOLUTION I ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: (1) DEPLORES, CONDEMNS, AND REJECTS THE PROVISION OF RESOLUTION 3379 ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NOVEMBER 10, 1975 WHICH STATES THAT ZIONISM IS A FORM OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION; (2) NOTES WITH CONCERN THAT RESOLUTION 3379 MAY SERVE TO ENCOURAGE ANTI-SEMITISM WHICH IS ITSELF A FORM OF UNCLASSIFIED

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RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN ARTICLE I

OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION; (3) VIEWS WITH ALARM THE SITUATION PRESENTLY EXISTING WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHERE A MAJORITY OF NATIONS HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS READINESS TO PERVERT LONG-STANDING CONCEPTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR TEMPORARY POLITICAL ADVANTAGE; (4) URGES THE US

GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE ITS EFFORTS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION ON RACIAL OR ETHNIC GROUNDS INCLUDING ANTI-SEMITISM BY DEVELOPING A PROGRAM TO COMBAT SUCH ABUSES AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM AND BY SEEKING TO NULLIFY OR MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF RESOLUTION 3379 WHEREVER POSSIBLE IN ALL INTERNATIONAL FORUMS; (5) FURTHER URGES THE US GOVERNMENT TO ENTER UPON URGENT CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER NATIONS WHICH ARE DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS SET FORTH IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION WITHIN AND WITH OUT THE UNITED NATIONS TO COUNTERACT THE ACTIONS WHICH DILUTE AND UNDERMINE THESE PRINCIPLES; (6) DIRECTS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE US NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO TO ENTER INTO THE SAME COURSE OF ACTION WITH THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR UNESCO OF OTHER TRADITIONALLY DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES; (7) RECOMMENDS THAT THE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE US NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO ISSUE PUBLIC STATEMENTS REFLECTING THE POSITION TAKEN IN THIS RESOLUTION.

3. RESOLUTION II ON US SUPPORT FOR UNESCO: WHEREAS THE 18TH SESSION OF THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE RESULTED IN THE PASSING OF SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAD AS THEIR DIRECT RESULT THE WITHDRAWAL OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM UNESCO BY THE US CONGRESS AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF INTELLECTUAL SUPPORT BY A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF RESPECTED SCHOLARS AND SCIENTISTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; WHEREAS THE US NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF UNESCO AS AN EFFECTIVE WORLD BODY IF THE EVENTS LEADING TO THESE ACTIONS ARE NOT REVERSED; WHEREAS MANY MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE US NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO ARE SEEKING FACTS, ADVICE, AND DIRECTION TO GUIDE THEM AND THEIR MEMBERS IN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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UNESCO; RESOLVES THEREFORE THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE US NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH A SPECIAL TASK FORCE WHICH SHALL BE CHARGED WITH THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES: (L) DEVELOPING A STRATEGY IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR UNESCO AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE 19TH SESSION OF THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE TO REVERSE THE UNFORTUNATE TREND OF EVENTS WHICH BECAME EVIDENT

AT THE 18TH SESSION OF THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE; (2) REVIEWING THE FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL EFFECT UPON UNESCO OF THE EVENTS FOLLOWING THE 18 TH SESSION OF THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE AND REPORTING BACK TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT; (3) REPORTING ON A REGULAR BASIS TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION THE FACTS THAT

EMERGE FROM ITS INVESTIGATIONS.

4. RESOLUTION III ON POLITICIZATION OF UNESCO: (L) CONDEMNS THE ABUSE OF UNESCO BY MEMBER STATES FOR NARROW POLITICAL PURPOSES; (2) CALLS ON ALL US REPRESENTATION AND LEADERSHIP IN UNESCO TO REAFFIRM THE COMMISSION'S STRONG OPPOSITION TO AND ITS COMMITMENT TO REVERSE RECENT DIVERSIONS FROM THE ORGANIZATION'S BASIC PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES THAT HAVE THREATENED THE INTEGRITY OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THEREFORE THE SUPPORT OF MANY SCIENTISTS, SCHOLARS, AND EXPERTS.

5. PLEASE INFORM CURT WATSON OF SECRETARIAT THAT FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION AND THORAX XRAY FOR HAMM (ROME CENTER) AIRPOUCHED PERMDEL DECEMBER 16. APPLICATION FOR DONALD MACINTOSH (ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS PROJECT) SENT PERMDEL NOVEMBER 25 BUT STILL AWAITING THORAX.

6. NATCOM WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON PROCESSING OF UNESCO CHECK FOR PARTICIPATION PROGRAM PROJECT 5225 (BEING HANDLED BY E. SOLOMON) RE HARVARD UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 18-22, 1976. INGERSOLL

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